Primary Education Programme in Orissa

2183. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are launching a new programme viz., District Primary Education Programme in the selected educationally backward listricts with external assistance from the urrent year;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) what are the names of Districts out of the 30 Districts in Orissa where the said programme is being launched this year, or proposed to be launched during the 8th Five Year plan period; and

(d) the details of external assistance likely to be received from different countries, UNESCO, UNICEF etc.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) In keeping with the National Policy on Education and its Programme of Action, a new initiative to achieve universalisation of elementary education (UEE) has been evolved titled 'District Primary Education Programme'. The programme seeks to operationalise the strategy for UEE through district-specific planning and disaggregated target setting. The Programme lays great emphasis on participatory process for planning and management and seeks to enhance school effectiveness through inputs in teacher training and decentralised management. The District Primary Education Programme seeks to cover districts where female literacy rates are below the national average and those where Total Literacy Campaigns have successfully generated a demand for elementary education.

The coverage is linked to the availability of external resources. Multi-lateral and bi-lateral external funding agencies have shown interest in provding financial assistance to the programme. Four districts have been selected for planning exercises in Orissa, namely, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Rayagada and Phulbani.

Construction of boundary wall of Government School in Gokalpuri

2184. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite sanctioning of the funds by the Delhi Administration more than a year back, the construction of the boundary wall of Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gokalpuri is yet to be taken up.

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking up the construction work; and

(c) the period by which the boundary wall of the school is likely to be constructed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. According to informaion furnished by the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, boundary wall has already been constructed at Govt. Boys Sr. Secondary School, Gokalpuri. An amount of Rs. 3,20,916 has been sanctioned on 26-8-93 by the Education Deptt. to P.W.D. to carry out the repair work of boundary wall. Work has been awarded by P.W.D. on 18-11-93.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Repair to the boundary wall could be completed by the P.W.D. within a year.